

UNITED STATES SHIP U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA (CL41) Monday 4, January 1942
(Day) (Date) (Month)ZONE DESCRIPTION Plus 2 plus 2½.

REMARKS

CONFIDENTIAL

1. No change to report.
2. Operating in accordance with operation plan 1-35.
3. Positions: 0800 - 33° 11' 30" N. 28° 32' 00" W. 1200 - 33° 14' 00" N. 29° 37' 30" W. 2000 - 33° 24' 00" N. 31° 53' 00" W. 1705 commenced raining, visibility decreased to 2,500 yards.
4. 0000 steaming on base course 275° (T). Speed 13½ knots, 135 r.p.m. in company with Task Force 35 escorting convoy G.U.F.-3. Ship darkened in material condition Baker Plus and condition of readiness II Mike. Boilers numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 in use. ComCruDiv-8 in this vessel. 0155 destroyer No. 6 investigated light bearing 182° (T). Lost contact and resumed station. 0430 commenced zigzagging on plan No. 11, base course 295° (T). 0614 left formation to launch aircraft. 0653 regained station in convoy. 0655 changed speed to 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 0755 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course 295° (T). 0800 changed convoy course to 275° (T). 0900 sounded General Quarters for drill. 0930 commenced zigzagging on base course 275° (T), speed 14 knots, 140 r.p.m. 0939 left formation to launch planes. 0950 returned to position in convoy. Secured from General Quarters, set condition of readiness II Mike. 1232 proceeding on various courses at various speeds within the A/S screen during firing of 20MM practise. 1415 proceeding on various courses at various speeds to recover aircraft. 1520 regained station. 1530 contacted U.S.S. PARKER and U.S.S. EARLE on TBS. Both rejoining formation. 1545 a doubtful sound contact reported by U.S.S. TILMAN. 1610 left station to recover planes. 1611 U.S.S. TILMAN regained sound contact and dropped 2 depth charges. 1619 convoy made 45° emergency turn to port. 1625 convoy resumed base course. 1629 convoy commenced zigzagging on base course 275° (T). 1727 resumed position in convoy. 1735 ceased zigzagging and resumed base course. 1758 changed speed to 13.5 knots, 135 r.p.m. 1930 set clocks back 30 minutes to conform with time zone plus 2½. 2345 U.S.S. EARLE reported radar contact bearing 247° (T), distance 3700 yards. 2350 U.S.S. PARKER reported radar contact. 2356 U.S.S. PARKER illuminated with starshells and fired 2 salvos at submerging submarine. Commenced sound search. 2357 U.S.S. EARLE illuminated target with searchlight, opened fire with all batteries and fired 1 torpedo at submarine on surface. Reported several hits with 5-inch guns and that submarine may have been sunk. Sounded "Submarine Emergency" set condition, "Able" below second deck. During daylight hours held continuous A/S aircraft patrol.
5. 1348 commenced firing of 20MM machine guns. 1415 completed firing exercises after expending 621 rounds of ammunition. (NOTE) Expended the following: 2, 325 lb. mark 17 depth bombs, 2 mark 24 hydrostatic depth fuses.
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